

Lynch Ignored

Yorty Talks of Sirhan Again

Los Angeles

In the face of criticism from California Attorney General Thomas C Lynch, Mayor Samuel Yorty publicly discussed again yesterday, the possible Communist sympathies of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's accused assassin.

Yorty told a televised news conference that he does not believe release of such information would prevent Sirhan Sirhan, 24, from getting a fair trial.

The mayor dwelt at length on writings in two stenographer's notebooks allegedly found in Sirhan's home in Pasadena. They purportedly betrayed Communist sympathies and a timetable to kill Senator Kennedy by June 5.

CONCERN

Even as Yorty spoke, District Attorney Evelle J. Younger expressed concern over release of that very type of information.

Younger said he was not criticizing anyone, but he cited the notebooks as an example of material which might not be received in evidence at the trial.

Police Chief Thomas Reddin, it was noted by Younger, has been "very careful with his remarks."

Lynch said he telephoned Yorty Wednesday shortly after the mayor first released information about the material in the notebooks in a televised news conference.

EVIDENCE

"I told him I was concerned about that kind of statement because it referred to evidence that would have to be ruled upon by the court," Lynch said. "He said he wasn't going to make any more statements like that."

Yorty conceded that he had "in a sense" been criticized by Lynch but added:

"I'm also a lawyer. I'm in a position to exercise my

judgment about what the public is entitled to know."

Yorty said he is just as concerned as Lynch that Sirhan receive a fair trial.

"I don't see how you can prejudice a trial unless you make highly inflammatory statements," he said. "There is so much evidence already that I don't see how revealing some of the background could be prejudicial..."

APPEAL

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cial and private citizens to exercise restraint in commenting on evidentiary matters.

"What a greater tragedy it would be if the prosecution of the person responsible for this tragedy is jeopardized in any way," Younger said.

He said he had not discussed Yorty's comments with the mayor and was not directing his remarks solely to him.

In his news conference, Yorty again linked Sirhan to a car reportedly observed near a meeting of the W.E.B. DuBois Club, named by the



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FBI and the Justice Department as a Communist front.

When pressed for details, however, Yorty admitted he had no evidence which would place Sirhan at a meeting of the club.

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