

With Sirhan

LOS ANGELES AP - One of five bystanders wounded when a burst of gunfire killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in a crowded hotel banquet room said his hospital bed Monday, "I did not see him go down."

Paul Schrade, regional director of the United Auto Workers and a personal friend of the Kennedy family, also told a hospital news conference that he doesn't know who wounded him.

The shootings took place last Wednesday, at the height of festivities celebrating Kennedy's victory in California's Democratic presidential primary the day before. Schrade, 43, was hit in the head.

He said Kennedy was headed for an adjacent room used by newsmen.

All of a sudden all hell broke loose," he said. He saw flashes, "like electrical charges," and what sounded like explosions, but he doesn't know how many.

You don't count at a time like that."

The labor official, his head wrapped in bandages, said he was only five or six feet away but did not see Kennedy fall. He had been with the senator and campaign aides in a fifth-floor suite of the Ambassador Hotel several hours before the senator made his victory speech to about 1,000 persons in the Embassy Room.

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Schrade said he had read no newspaper accounts of the assassination nor had he viewed any of the television reports of the murder for which Sirhan Bishara Tirhan, a 24 - year - old Jordanian, has been indicted. Sirhan, a permanent resident of the United States, lives in Pasadena.

Schrade said he had been questioned by the FBI but had not been summoned as a witness before the grand jury that indicted Sirhan because "I saw nothing in terms of prosecution"

The bullet pierced Schrade's skull and several fragments were removed. A steel plate was discussed but doctors decided against it for the time being.

Schrade was asked why Kennedy and his party left the Embassy Room through the pantry passageway.

He replied: "That's the way we came and that's the way we were told to go out."