

# Ironclad Sirhan<sup>2\*</sup> Security

## Yorty Served With Gag Order

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LOS ANGELES — Fifty-nine threats against the life of Sirhan B. Sirhan have been received during the past five days and jailers today maintained strict security around the accused assassin of Robert Kennedy.

The telephoned threats, including those from nine callers who threatened to use bombs to break into Sirhan's heavily guarded cell, hit a peak of 29 last Saturday, the day after the suspect was arraigned.

The sheriff's department, heeding a court-ordered news blackout on pretrial statements, refused to confirm or deny the threats but other sources said the calls included many demanding authorities "turn him over to us."

### NO DISCUSSION

The sweeping "order re publicity" issued last Friday by Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcón forbids witnesses, public officials and attorneys from discussing the case under threat of contempt of court.

The order silenced most sources except Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, who in an interview published in the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader repeated his contention that Sirhan "was strongly influenced by Communist

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ideology and was strongly pro-Communist."

Yorty was served with the order yesterday. He said he "certainly will abide" by it.

"The court order did not for some strange reason apply to newspapers," he said.

Yorty said during two news conferences last week that the diaries kept by Sirhan contained the statement that "Kennedy must die by June 5, 1968," the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Yorty, a lawyer, said then that "nothing I have said would jeopardize a fair trial and I wouldn't say anything that would jeopardize a fair trial."

Sirhan, 24, still has not said a word about the fatal shooting of Kennedy in a kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel last Wednesday, and has shown no remorse, the sheriff's office said.

Ed Cray of the American Civil Liberties Union said Superior Judge Richard Schauer will confer with county bar association officials to choose attorneys from "more than a dozen top lawyers" who have volunteered to defend Sirhan without pay.

### PUBLIC DEFENDER

Sirhan, a native of Jordan admitted to the United States as a permanent resident, has been represented by a deputy public defender, Wilbur Littlefield.

Meanwhile, the bystander most seriously injured when Kennedy was shot early Wednesday said he doesn't know who fired the shots.