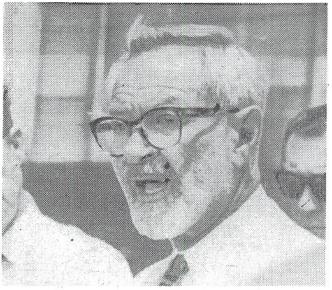
Sirhan Said to Reject Offers by Two Defenders

Lawyer Says Suspect Bars Free Aid of Belli or Bailey -Yorty Defends Stand

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LOS ANGELES, June 11 Scnator Robert F. Kennedy's accused assassin, Sirhan B. Sirhan, has turned down offers of free legal defense from two of the nation's foremost criminal lawyers, a thrird lawyer said today.

The two are Melvin Belli of San Francisco, who defended Jack Ruby, the murderer of President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, and F. Lee Bailey of Boston, who defended Dr. Sam Sheppard, the Cleve-land osteopath who was ultimately acquitted of murdering



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A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles, telling of his talk with Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Mr. Wirin, who has been taking the initiative in arranging for the selection of private mother lawyers in a jail-doorway interview and said that the defendant "doesn't desire their services."

Mr. Wirin did not elaborate on the reasoning of Sirhan, who is charged with first-degree murder, an offense punishable by the death penalty.

Two names that have cropped up often in professional discussions are those of Joseph Ball and Grant Cooper, leading local criminal lawyers.

Mr. Ball, a partner of former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, was one of the borranking members of the Warren Commission, notice to defend himself, savening a first persent, after he announced that Sirhan apparently had left-wing contaction.

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mately acquitted of murdering his wife.

The disclosure of their rejection came from A. L. Wirin, local counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, who has been conferring almost daily with the defendant in his isolated, heavily guarded cell at the county Central Jail.

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