

# Still No Jury for Sirhan Trial

## Los Angeles

The defense and prosecution at the Sirhan Sirhan murder trial, trying to outmanuever each other, failed to agree yesterday on seating a panel of 12 prospective jurors.

The case went into its third week with final selection of a jury perhaps still many days away.

Sirhan, a 24-year - old Jordanian, is accused of fatally shooting Senator Robert F. Kennedy last June.

Last Friday the prosecu-

tion accepted a tentative panel of 12 jurors "as now constituted," and if the defense accepted it yesterday those 12 would have been the jury.

But one panelist, Helen L. Woodworth, a retired auto club employee, was excused after saying she consulted over the weekend with her doctor and he advised her not to participate in a prolonged trial.

Geraldine Scherer, retired antique dealer from nearby Whittier, won tentative ap-

proval as juror No. 12.

The defense moved to make the jury permanent.

But the prosecution objected, on grounds the panel was not the same as last Friday, and the court upheld the objection.

Jury selection continued, with both sides exercising peremptory challenges. Each side has 20, which permit dismissing a juror for no stated reason. By yesterday, the prosecution had used two challenges, the defense one.

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