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LOS ANGELES AP - Three men and three women were chosen today as alternate jurors for the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and opening arguments were scheduled for Thursday morning. The alternates will sit with the regular jury of eight men and four women and be called to take part in the trial should any juror be incapacitated or confronted by acute personal problems. After prosecution and defense attorneys agreed on the six the judge ordered a recess until Thursday. Wednesday, Lincoln's birthday, is a holiday.

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Lawyers prosecuting and defending the 24-year-old Jordanian, charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy with gunshots last June, had expected agreement to come today. The next step 4th graf AO45  
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Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian who came to this country as a boy with his family, is charged with murder in the gunshot death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June just after Kennedy won this state's Democratic presidential primary.

The alternate jurors:

George Stitzel, about 45, press room supervisor for the Los Angeles Times.

Eleanor A. Langgreen, about 45, who lives in the Temple City area and has three sons.

Clarence Yaw, about 45, employed in the purchasing department of the Standard Oil Co. refinery at El Segundo.

Ruth A. Stillman, about 35, insurance company adjuster.

John H. Johnson, about 40, a designer for Scientific Data Systems and the first Negro seated on the panel. His wife is a stenographer employed by the state of California.

Gloria J. Haffey, about 40, a telephone worker who lives in nearby Sun Valley. She was the last to be chosen.

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LOS ANGELES AP - "I'm having my eyes treated" . . . "My company does not wish me to take that much time out" . . . "I have strong reservations against the death penalty."

Despite such pleas, which won exemptions Monday, attorneys say they expect to agree shortly on six alternate jurors for the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Lawyers prosecuting and defending the 24-year-old Jordanian, charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy with gunshots last June, said agreement could come today. Earlier, five alternates were tentatively seated.

The next step, they said, would be a recess through the Wednesday Lincoln's Birthday holiday. Workmen, in the meantime, would install in court a prosecution exhibit—a large scale model of the first floor of the Ambassador Hotel, where the shooting occurred.

Thursday prosecution and defense would make opening statements to the eight-man, four-woman jury, and then testimony would begin.

The thump and roar of construction machinery at the nearby site of a new court building jarred proceedings Monday.

"I can't hear so good with this noise in the background," one prospective juror told Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker, who was asking him questions. The judge leaned closer to his microphone.

"We'll all get used to it," Deputy Dist. Atty. David N. Pitts told a reporter, speaking of the noise. Chief defense attorney Grant B. Cooper called it "terrible" and his cocounsel Emilie Zola Berman p

onounced it "murder." But defense lawyer Russell E. Parsons claimed: "When we argue to the jury, they'll hear us." The racket subsided later in the afternoon.

Twenty-two persons were excused Monday from alternate-juror service, three for opposition to the death penalty. These included the trial's first two men to take this stand. Several women who oppose capital punishment were excused previously.

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