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LOS ANGELES AP - The killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy sees himself "as a man who is a Semite but not a Jew, who is an Arab but not a Moslem," a psychologist testified today.

In describing Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, on trial charged with murdering Kennedy, Dr. Martin Schorr of San Diego called Sirhan

"the world is against him and he is all alone."
He said of the young Jordanian Arab, an avowed anti-Zionist:
"He has a family but no father . . . he is a man without identity . . . this is basic to his whole problem, seeking to find his identity."

Schorr showed the jury a series of slides . . . of vague pictures . . . about which Sirhan was asked during a test to make up a story. One slide was blank, and Schorr said Sirhan described what he saw this way:

"This is the figure of the arrogant self-assured (obscurity) with the victorious smirk on his face. This is the true picture of the conqueror. It is the minister in Israel Moshe Dayan and he is looking down on people. But there is a bullet that's crashing through his brain."

Schorr then asked him:

"Where in relation to the picture are you standing if you are part of the scene?"

"Part of the scene!!!" was Sirhan's reply. "I am the scene. I'm the one who is killing him."

The psychologist said he gave Sirhan a word association test:

"I said 'hate' and he said 'Jews' . . . I said 'Jews' he said 'Nazis'. I asked him to elaborate."

Sirhan said "As I see it there is no difference between the Nazis and the Jews in Israel; there is no difference to me. Injustice is injustice; persecution is persecution."

The psychologist said Sirhan's repetition of words in his diary is a symptom of paranoia called "perseveration." Sirhan had written some two dozen times in one page "assassinate, assassinate, assassinate Robert Kennedy."

In testimony Monday, Schorr pictured Sirhan as "constantly thinking of destroying everybody, including himself, Schorr was called as one of a series of defense witnesses whose testimony is aimed at proving Sirhan lacked the capacity to premeditate first degree murder.

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LOS ANGELES AP - The assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is pictured by a defense psychologist as a man who is "constantly thinking of destroying everybody, including himself."

That evaluation of the mind of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was presented Monday by Dr. Martin Schorr, a clinical psychologist, to the jury that must decide whether Sirhan had the mental capacity to plan Kennedy's murder. Sirhan's defenders hoped to save him from the gas chamber by their claim that he did not. Premeditation must be proved for conviction on the first-degree murder charge.

Schorr was scheduled to continue his testimony today.

Perhaps the most attentive person in the courtroom as the trial went into its 10th week was Sirhan. He laughed self-consciously as the psychologist described the defendant's reactions to ink blot tests projected on a screen.

"He feels he has a special kind of insight of what's wrong and right," said Schorr. "I asked him what he felt and he said, 'There's nothing wrong with me.'"

Schorr described Sirhan as a paranoid, an individual who "protects himself from the stresses and strains and demands of society by behaving in a highly evasive or guarded manner."

Then he gave support to the defense contention that Sirhan's childhood in war-torn Palestine damaged his personality.

The paranoid development is a long insidious process," Schorr said.

"Paranoid people are usually not stupid, they are usually quite bright," said Schorr. In Sirhan's case: "He is highly aggressive . . . there are violent strivings inside that seek expression."

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