

SIRHAN RAGES IN COURTROOM

Bailiffs Hustle Him Out

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Sirhan Sirhan leaped to his feet in a table-pounding rage today after a state witness suggested he faked amnesia to mask premeditation in the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

"He wanted very much to kill Kennedy . . . Sirhan at no time expected to be a martyr," said Dr. Seymour Pollack, the state's star psychiatric witness.

Pollack rejected defense claims that Sirhan was in a psychotic state and not meaningfully and maturely responsible when he shot Kennedy June 5, 1968.

Sirhan refused to quiet down, and the trial was recessed while deputies hustled him out of the courtroom.

"I am not going to let him call me a liar," Sirhan said.

'Not Genuine Amnesia'

Dr. Seymour Pollack, a prosecution psychiatrist, had just said, "I am unable to accept Sirhan's denial of recall of his notes as a genuine amnesia."

Sirhan jumped up: "Your honor, sir."

Court attendants tried to get him to sit down. Judge Herbert Walker said:

"You settle down or I'll do what I told you I'd do."

Earlier in the trial the judge had threatened to have Sirhan gagged and strapped to his chair for making commotions.

Earlier, Pollack told the court that Sirhan was not clinically psychotic — and is not now. He said Sirhan falls under a classification known as "psychosis-nonpsychotic."

Pollack is a professor of psychiatry at the University of Southern California.

When the trial resumed, the defense attorney, Russell Parsons, told Walker: "I have talked with Mr. Sirhan and Mr. Sirhan asked me to apologize to your honor. He has asked me to ask you to accept his sincere apologies . . . he was thrown completely off balance."

Walker accepted the apology.

Sirhan Trial Cost To Top \$1 Million

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan's murder trial will cost \$1 million before it is finished, but it will be "worth every penny," says a county official.

The estimate came yesterday from Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who as chairman of the Los Angeles County courts is keeping tabs on expenses and will receive a complete accounting of the trial at its conclusion.

Trial Resumes

Sirhan's trial for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy resumed today following a three-day recess with a rebuttal testimony from a prosecution psychiatrist, Dr. Seymour Pollack. The case will probably go to the jury next week.

Hahn said the trial to date has cost the county \$858,595 and the figure could top the \$1 million mark when a complete accounting is made.

"If it reveals the truth of

what happened that night last June, if it guarantees Sirhan Sirhan justice, then who can say the cost is not justified?" Hahn asked.

'Who Can Say?'

The cost was initiated by stringent security precautions to protect Sirhan from any possible avengers of Kennedy's assassination.

Sirhan lives in a special cell built for him in the hall of justice and armor plate was installed on the walls of the courtroom.

Round-the-clock guards and overtime for sheriff's deputies assigned to maintain security in court added to the cost.

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