

**SIRHAN'S LAWYER
WORRIED BY JURY**

Panel Retires After Second Day Without a Sentence

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LOS ANGELES, April 22—The jury deciding whether Sirhan Bishara Sirhan lives or die in a state penitentiary continued its deliberations today as anxiety grew in the courtroom. "The longer the jury is out the more depressed I get," said Grant B. Cooper, the chief defense lawyer, who yesterday beseeched the panel of seven men and five women to sentence the 25-year-old slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy to life imprisonment.

Mr. Cooper, however, conceded that he did not know what to make of the jury's long consideration of Sirhan's punishment.

"I just don't know whether it means they're hung up for death or life," he told newsmen.

The jury retired to its beige-

walled conference room on the ninth floor of the Federal Justice eshortly befoer noon yesterday. The panel stopped talking yesterday afternoon and then resumed this morning at 8:02.

Shortly before 4 P.M. the panel completed its second day without reaching a decision. It will meet again tomorrow morning.

Should the jury return the death penalty, it may be changed to life in prison by Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker at his discretion. Since 1953, when he ascended the bench, Judge Walker has heard juries sentence 19 men to death in the gas chamber. He has commuted only one of those sentences to life in prison.

Because of an informal moratorium on executions in California, if not the nation, only one of those sentenced in Judge Walker's court has actually been put to death.

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