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SAN JOSE (AP)- U.S. Sen. George Murphy campaigned for re-election in Santa Clara County today after telling an East Bay Republican luncheon Tuesday he wasn't sure that Sirhan B. Sirhan assassinated Sen. Robert F. Kennedy "all by himself."

Murphy, whose prepared speech advocated voluntary arbitration to head off strikes, was addressing the Tri-City Republican Business and Professional Club at Fremont when he got into a discussion of violence and discussion in American life.

There is much that is good in America, he said,
"But we aren't certain why an American president and
his brother were assassinated -- at least I'm not."

"These two young men may have been acting orders," he said, referring to Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the Warren Commission Report concluded killed President John F. Kennedy "alone and unaided," and Sirhan B. Sirhan,

now on death row in San Quentin, convicted of slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles in June, 1968.

"By whose orders, I'm not certain, but somebody, I think, instigated them," Murphy said.

Murphy, who is not known previously to have expressed doubt about the official conclusions regarding the two killings, was confronted by newsmen afterward.

"When a young man goes out and buys a gun and shoots a senator, you know he didn't do it by himself, don't work you?" he parried.

refused to elaborate. "I'm just saying that I'm not certain that young man did it all by himself. Neither are you. Neither are the courts," he said. When newsmen still insisted on details, Murphy said merely. "You can write your own story."

Murphy had departed from his prepared text, inx plugxthexidexzerxxaturizaty which announced he favors voluntary arbitration to prevent strikes.

"This is a system when a third party enters a labor

dispute before the strike actually begins but it appears to be inverse inevitable. And both sides could agree to accept the decision of the arbiter," he explained.

He said such an approach could have prevented the Tuesday's current auto industry strike, the trade brief rail strike, and the farm labor dispute which is hampering vegetable crop production in the Salinas Valley.

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