

Police Look for Link to RFK Murder In 3 Held in 'Death Plot' on Nixon

NEW YORK — (UPI) — An Arab immigrant from Yemen and his two sons, who shared a shabby, three-room Brooklyn flat, were jailed today under \$100,000 bond each, charged with plotting to kill President-elect Richard Nixon.

Police and Secret Service agents were investigating the possibility of a link between the alleged plot against Nixon and the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, killed in Los Angeles in June.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian immigrant, allegedly shot Kennedy because of the Senator's pro-Israeli statements.

PLANNED ABROAD

The three suspects, who worked as shipping clerks in a clothing factory, made several trips to Los Angeles, according to the New York Daily News, which said police were curious about how they could afford such trips on their modest salaries.

At the arraignment of the three in Brooklyn, a prosecu-

tor hinted the plot could have been planned abroad, and apparently came about because of Nixon's campaign statement that Israel should have a "technological military margin" over Arab neighbors.

The father and his sons have been charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder, criminal solicitation and possession of dangerous weapons.

A Legal Aid Society lawyer who appeared with them said

they have money to hire their own attorney and will do so.

The suspects are Ahamad Rageh Namer, 43, who came to this country 13 years ago

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and has become a naturalized U.S. citizen, and his sons Hussein, 20, who came to the country nine years ago, and Abdo Ahmad, 19, who left Yemen two years ago.

FOURTH MAN

The charge of solicitation against the three reportedly stemmed from their efforts to enlist the aid of another man in the plot.

The fourth man, who police are holding in protective custody and whom they have declined to identify, informed police in an anonymous phone call Friday night of the alleged plot.

Police traced the call to a bar, found the man who made it still there, and questioned him before raiding the Namer apartment.

In the apartment, police found an M1 rifle and an M1 carbine, 24 rounds of ammunition and two switchblade knives, as well as letters from relatives and from persons authorities described as "contacts" in Arab countries.

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Ahmed Namer (center) with his sons Hussein and Abdo after their arraignment yesterday

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