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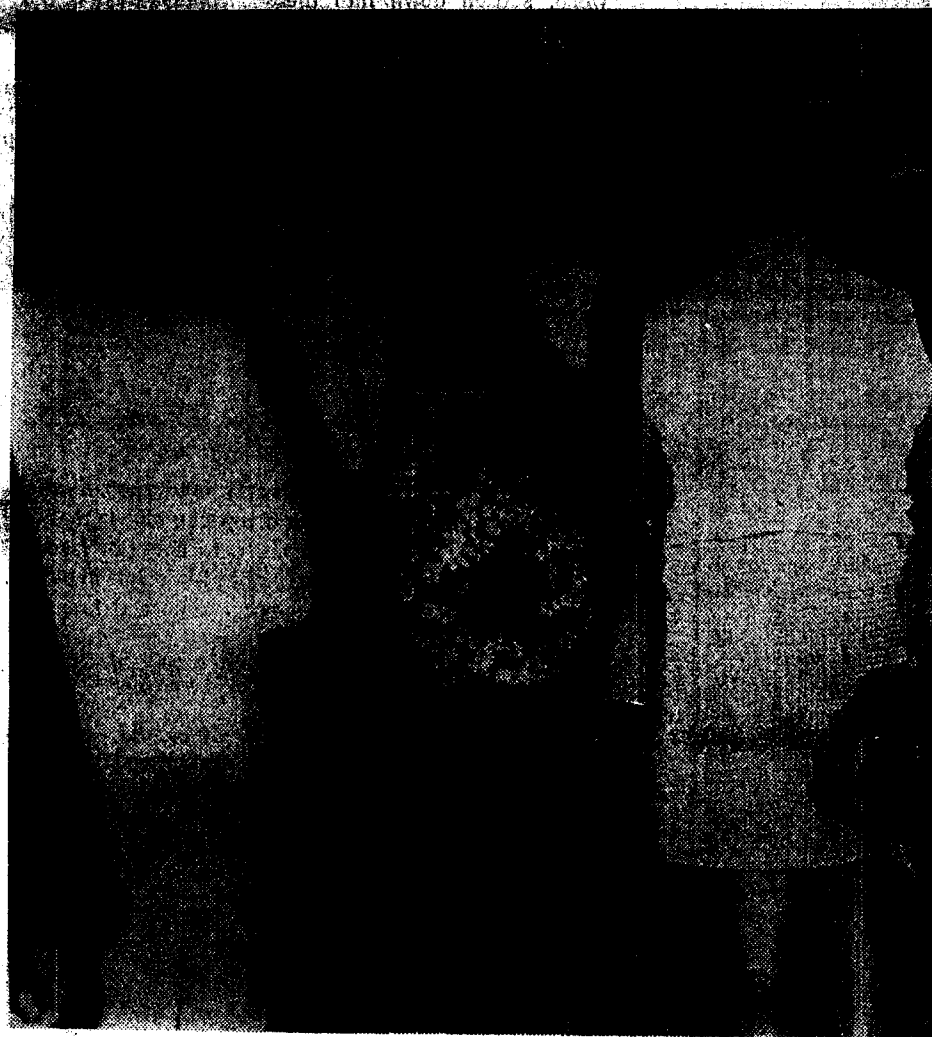
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# Sirhan Case to Grand Jury



**THE LONG DAY OF MOURNING BEGINS**

Two lines of mourners approach slain Senator's casket in St. Patrick's

—AP Photo

## 17 Called At Secret Hearing

### *Mystery Girl Hunt Goes On*

By BOB ROSE  
Chicago Daily News

LOS ANGELES — California began a long judicial process today against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, suspect in the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

District Attorney Evelle Younger went before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to seek a first degree murder indictment, carrying a possible death penalty, against the 24-year old Jordanian immigrant.

Meanwhile, police hunted a girl in a white dress with black polka dots and a swarthy young male companion witnesses say were with Sirhan at the Kennedy victory party in the Ambassador Hotel before the shooting.

#### **'WE SHOT HIM'**

Kennedy worker Sandy Serrano, 20, said she saw the girl flee the hotel, shouting:

"We shot him! We shot him!"

Miss Serrano said she asked who was shot and the girl replied, "We shot Kennedy." She described the girl as white, with dark hair and a "funny nose."

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can Civil Liberties Union and a jail physician were the suspect's first visitors.

Sirhan suffered a broken finger and numerous bruises in his fight with Kennedy aides after the shooting.

#### YORTY STATEMENT

Wirin, and later Younger, complained that Mayor Sam Yorty had made statements that might prejudice the trial. Yorty had referred in a press conference to a memo book he said Sirhan owned which contained the note, "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5, 1968."

Yorty retorted his remarks were no more prejudicial than Younger permitting photographs of Sirhan, the death gun, and of a police officer coming from the immigrant's garage with a packet of ammunition.

"I'm also a lawyer," Yorty said. "I'm in a position to exercise my judgment about what the public is entitled to know."

#### WITNESSES

Younger said his evidence against the one-time race track exercise boy will include the testimony of 17 witnesses, none of them members of the Kennedy family.

Among them are expected to be Olympic champion Rafer Johnson and Rams football star Roosevelt Grier,

who disarmed and held the suspect, and Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh.

Younger said he also will seek five indictments of assault to commit murder as a result of the wounding of five others during the shooting spree.

"One of the injured, Ira Goldstein, 19, was discharged from a hospital yesterday after treatment.

Several other witnesses agreed they saw Sirhan with a girl and a man as described by the Kennedy worker.

#### SECRET HEARING

Younger indicated he decided to take the case to the grand jury rather than taking the simpler route of filing a formal murder complaint to avoid the security risk of bringing the defendant into open court.

The secret grand jury hearing will not require Sirhan's presence.

Sheriff Peter Pitchess has taken unprecedented security precautions for his county jail, putting Sirhan in an isolated cell in an isolated wing under guard of six deputies.

#### DOZEN THREATS

"One deputy is with him in the cell all the time," Pitchess said. "Another is looking into the cell through a window in the steel door all the time. Four others guard the corridor to the cell."

Pitchess said a dozen threats had been received against Sirhan at the jail by mail and phone.

"We have also received death threats because we are protecting him too well," Pitchess said.

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Four others are still in hospitals. They are Paul Schrade, 43, United Auto Workers regional director, with a scalp wound; ABC television newsman William Weisel, 30, with a wound in the abdomen; Irwin Stroll, 17, with a wound in the lower left calf; and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, a scalp wound.

All are reported in satisfactory condition.

Younger said that, assuming indictments are returned, Sirhan will be arraigned within 48 hours, as required by law.

#### MOTHER'S PLEA

Sirhan's mother, an employe of a Pasadena church nursery school, sent a wire to the family of the slain senator. It said:

"It has hurt us very bad what has happened and we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with Mrs. Kennedy and the mother and father. I want them to know that I am really crying for them all. And we pray that God will make peace, really peace in the hearts of the people."