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The Weather

Bay Area: Partly cloudy
Thursday, chance rain.
High, mid 60s; lows, 50s.
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Kennedy Fails to -- Extremely Critical

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Suspect Swiftly Arraigned

Times-Post Service

Los Angeles

The man accused of shooting Senator Robert F. Kennedy was processed through the courts yesterday in an unprecedented manner for his own protection.

That was the explanation given by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger following the arraignment of Sirhan Sirhan, who identified himself as "John Doe" both to investigators, who interrogated him for many hours, and to Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, who arraigned him.

The handling of Sirhan, a Jordanian reportedly born in Jerusalem, from the time of his arrest until his appearance in court, was marked by as much security as was provided President Johnson in recent appearances here.

HOMICIDE

After his arrest at the Ambassador Hotel, within minutes of his alleged shooting spree which also wounded five others, the suspect was whisked away. He was taken to the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart division and then to the central homicide bureau in the downtown police administration building.

While he was being questioned by detectives, it was learned, police Chief Thomas Reddin and Younger jointly decided to charge an ar-



raign the suspect as soon as possible, with no word to the public or press, to eliminate any possibility that Sirhan could meet the same fate that befell Lee Harvey Oswald, who was slain in Dallas after the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

Younger ordered the immediate issuance of a complaint charging Sirhan with six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder.

MORNING

At the same time, arrangements were made with Judge Klein to appear in court at 7:30 a.m. — more than an hour before the normal starting time — for the purpose of arraigning Sirhan.

It was 7:40 a.m. — seven hours and 20 minutes after the shooting — that the frail-looking young man, who still refused to identify himself, was advised of the charges against him.

The only spectators allowed in the courtroom were about 40 police and sheriff's officers.

After talking informally for

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UPI Telephoto

SIRHAN SIRHAN AS HE LEFT COURT
Six counts of assault with intent to murder

Heavy Security as

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several minutes in court with county public defender Richard Buckley, Sirhan twice was asked by Judge Klein: "Do you have a name?"

The first time, he answered, "Mr. Buckley is representing me."

'JOHN DOE'

The jurist repeated the question and the suspect replied, "John Doe."

He then was asked if he had an attorney. When he said he did not, Judge Klein then officially appointed the public defender's office.

Sirhan, wearing white hospital orderly-type pants and

a blue denim shirt in place of the blue sweater and pants he was wearing when arrested, was informed of his right to a speedy and public trial, his right to either a trial by jury or by a court, his right to cross-examine witnesses against him and his right to either testify or refuse to testify.

QUESTION

When she finished arraigning him, Judge Klein inquired of the suspect as to whether he had any questions.

"Not at this time," Sirhan answered.

When the matter of bail

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- The "strong" possibility that one of the victims (presumably Kennedy) may die (which would then make it a case punishable by death).

- The fact that the defendant refused to identify himself, making it impossible to conduct any investigation of his background to determine how high his bail should be.

- The lack of knowledge as to whether any other persons were involved in the shootings.

Then Compton added:

"It is permissible for the court to deny bail on a proper showing which I feel we have made; that it would be for the protection of society to keep him in jail.

"This man did attempt to assassinate a United States

Suspect Is Charged

Senator."

Compton also said he felt that holding the defendant without bail would accomplish the purpose of protecting him.

Buckley, however, disagreed. He said the court has no discretion but to fix bail and in a reasonable amount.

"What do you consider a reasonable amount in view of the fact he has refused to identify himself and he attempted to take the life of a United States Senator, who still is in critical condition?" the judge asked. "I find it exceedingly difficult to consid-

er setting a bail at this juncture; considering the facts the court has before it."

She added: "I even heard some news reports that many persons had expressed the thought that he could be killed, hung or strung up."

BAIL

"Buckley remained persistent and again requested that bail be set. This time the judge complied.

"I'll set bail at \$250,000 at this time," Judge Klein declared, and Sirhan, handcuffed and surrounded by officers, was let out of court to county jail.

Before he left, Judge Klein set his preliminary hearing for Monday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m.

Earlier, after Sirhan arrived at the Police Administration Building, the facility was closed to all but authorized personnel. Newsmen were admitted only after being searched by police.

SUSPECT

For the first time in the history of the police building, reporters were barred from the third floor — where the suspect was being interrogated in the homicide bureau's squad room.

When investigators first at-

tempted to talk to Sirhan — after explaining to him his constitutional rights — he chose to remain silent.

Later, it is understood, he relented, but still refused to discuss the tragic events of the evening.

The suspect was described by investigators, who said he appeared to speak with a slight British accent, as being highly intelligent.

He reportedly even rebuked the officers for treating him, in his words, like a "mendicant."

He was reportedly calm and composed during his interrogation and his appearance in court.