

Sirhan Won \$2000 in Injury Case

Los Angeles

Sirhan Sirhan, indicted by a grand jury yesterday for the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, received a \$2000 settlement four months ago for head injuries suffered when he fell off a horse. He had four \$100 bills in his pocket when arrested.

Attorney John F. McLaughlin, who represented Argonaut Insurance Co. in the case heard by the State Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board, said Sirhan had argued that the settlement was too small.

"As I recall, my impression of the man was that he was somewhat surly, but definitely sane. Here was a man complaining of having difficulty with his eyesight as a result of a fall from a horse but his medical reports and those of our own doctors indicated he had 20-15 vision."

Sirhan was working as an exercise boy at the Granja Vista del Rio ranch near Corona, owned by Bert Altfillisch, when the fall occurred Sept. 25, 1966, according to records of the State Industrial Accidents Commission.

He was taken to Corona Community Hospital where Dr. Richard Nelson reported he had a cut on the chin, bruises and abrasions and "was just generally banged up." Nelson said Sirhan complained of hurting all over and particularly in his stomach but said nothing about a head injury.

Sirhan was hospitalized overnight for observation and released, but continued to seek treatment for an alleged eye injury.

Dr. Milton Miller, a Corona ophthalmologist who examined Sirhan in his office on Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, 1966, said that when he refused to write a letter verifying an eye disability, Sirhan telephoned him and threatened the doctor had "better do what he told me to or he was 'gonna git' me, or I 'would be sorry' or something to that effect."

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Uninvited Yorty Flies To Funeral

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Mayor Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles flew to New York yesterday to attend the funeral of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and will be welcome to do so as a representative of the city although not specifically invited.

However, a spokesman for the Kennedy family said other members of the Los Angeles delegation, including deputy mayor Joseph Quinn and six city councilmen, cannot be accommodated because of limited seating.

The spokesman emphasized that invitations to the funeral were not issued on any basis of protocol. For example, he pointed out, that, not all governors and mayors of major cities were invited.

Invitations were issued mainly to persons who had a relationship with Senator Kennedy — friends, acquaintances and supporters, the spokesman said.

As for Yorty, who often feuded with Senator Kennedy, the spokesman said:

"He will be welcome as the elected representative of the people of Los Angeles, for whom Robert Kennedy had great affection and with whom he had a great rapport."

On the eve of the departure, there were reports that the Kennedy family did not want Yorty at the funeral. Seven Democratic clubs in California's San Fernando Valley had sent him a telegram urging that he not attend.

The telegram said the clubs "publicly dissociate ourselves from your most recent actions concerning the assassination."

This apparently referred to Yorty's confessed public utterances about the background of the accused assassin despite advice from California Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch that he refrain from making such statements.

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