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LOS ANGELES AP - One tentative juror in the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial was dismissed today and another was tentatively accepted as prosecution and defense continued jury selection legal maneuvers.

Mrs. Rosa A. Molina, a nurse and the first tentative juror seated, was excused as the prosecution used a peremptory challenge.

Mrs. Wilma Boone, an electronic assembler at Hughes Aircraft Corp., was tentatively seated.

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LOS ANGELES AP - The defense and prosecution in the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial were locked today in courtroom maneuvering that could delay seating a jury for another week or more.

The use of peremptory challenges was started unexpectedly Tuesday, the day on which it had been indicated a tentative jury would be accepted.

Sirhan is accused of fatally shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June.

Both sides had hinted earlier they might waive the 20 challenges allowed them to remove a prospective juror without citing a reason. But as the trial entered its third week Tuesday, each side used one such challenge.

The prosecution last Friday accepted a tentative panel of jurors "as now constituted." The defense was to give its decision Tuesday.

Then one tentative juror, Helen L. Wodworth, was excused for medical reasons. She was replaced by Geraldine Scherer, retired antique dealer from nearby Whittier, and defense attorney Grant B. Cooper said the defense would accept the jury, including Mrs. Scherer.

At that point, Chief Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton withdrew the prosecution's acceptance of the jury, saying it wasn't the same jury as was seated Friday. He used a peremptory challenge to remove from the panel Dora Jacobi.

The legal result: since the prosecution had to challenge first, the defense thus gets the last challenge.

The defense indicated it considered the move a triumph of maneuvering to keep the prosecution from "getting ahead of us." But Compton noted in court: "I am not playing games with Mr. Cooper."

Cooper later used a peremptory challenge to remove Leslie H. Laney, a postal employe.

Henry Miller, a civilian employe of the Long Beach naval shipyard, was tentatively seated.

Judge Herbert V. Walker excused one prospective juror after she announced: "I am unequivocally opposed to capital punishment, whether done by an individual or the state."

Looking at the 24-year-old Sirhan, she said: "I would have difficulty finding this man innocent. He performed an execution."

Walker also excused two women who objected to being sequestered in a hotel for months. They both said their sons are returning home from Vietnam.

"I can't think of a better reason," said Walker.

During the questioning, Sirhan, thin and sallow, maintained a calm expression, smiling and nodding several times to his mother, Mary, and his brother, Adel, seated in the back of the courtroom. Sirhan read a newspaper clipping about the trial handed to him by defense attorney Russell B. Parsons. And, at one point, consulting with Parsons, Sirhan appeared to cover his mouth to stifle a giggle.

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