

# Psychologist Says Sirhan Paranoiac

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A psychologist testified today that Sirhan B. Sirhan exhibited extreme paranoia in which he felt that he was normal but that everyone else was out of step.

Dr. Martin M. Schorr, a clinical psychologist in San Diego County, told the jury at Sirhan's murder trial that the 24-year-old Arab also exhibited "hypomania."

Schorr said this was a con-

dition in which a person was "very aggressive, restless, in a state of constant turmoil, a driven man, something like a road runner if you want an image."

Schorr was the first of five psychologists and psychiatrists to be called by the defense to try to prove its claim of "diminished capacity" on the part of Sirhan when he shot and fatally wounded Sen. Robert F. Kennedy June 5, 1968.

Schorr said he examined Sirhan in his cell on two days last November and conducted a number of psychiatric tests.

One was the Minnesota multiphasic personality inventory in which 566 questions were put to Sirhan. Schorr said a side test showed that Sirhan was answering the questions more truthfully than the average person would do.

The test showed that Sirhan exhibited a condition of paranoia more prominent than would appear in 95 persons out of a 100 chosen at random.

Schorr was asked to define paranoia.

"In simple terms it means 'I'm OK. Everybody else is wrong. There is nothing wrong with me because I have an understanding of everything about me. I am the authority.'"

The psychologist fidgeted on the stand and on several occasions said, "I'm very nervous, you have to excuse me." As the psychologist was fumbling for words at one point, Sirhan, lightly pounded his fist on the defense table and mouthed, "Come on, let's go."

The jury was handed copies of the hypomania test and it followed Schorr as he testified from the witness stand.

Sirhan, who was tieless and wore no jacket, smiled slightly as the psychologist described him.

Sirhan did not mark an answer to some of the questions on a true - or - false test, Schorr said.

Among them were:

"There is something wrong with my mind."

"I'm afraid of losing my mind."

"People say insulting and vulgar things about me."

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## Arab Press Plays Up Sirhan's Anti-Zionism

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 8 (AP) — Testimony reflecting Sirhan B. Sirhan's hatred of Zionism has won the assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy sympathetic headlines in the Arab press.

Focusing on Sirhan's anti-Zionist statements at his trial in Los Angeles, newspapers here have been devoting full pages daily to the proceedings such headlines as "Sirhan Says He Is Ready to Die for the Arab Cause."

Photo coverage of the trial has been thorough. Arab radio stations have also been giving reports of the trial wide prominence.