

## Doctors To Testify On Sirhan

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Psychiatrists who examined Sirhan Sirhan will testify this week for the defense that the Arab immigrant was intellectually incapable of plotting the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Sirhan has contended on the witness stand he cannot remember pulling the trigger.

Yet while in a hypnotic trance in his jail cell Sirhan has re-enacted the slaying even down to the squeezing of an imaginary trigger.

### No Denial

The defense does not deny Sirhan fired the fatal shots. It contends he was mentally ill and was unable to form the premeditation necessary for a first degree murder conviction which carries the possible sentence of death in the gas chamber.

The psychiatric phase of the defense case which began today was expected to last about one week. Five psychiatrists and psychologists who interviewed Sirhan in his cell and gave him personality tests will testify.

Pasadena police disclosed during the weekend that Sirhan's older brother Sharif, 35, reportedly threatened the lives of his mother Mary Sirhan; another brother, Munir, 21; and defense attorney Grant Cooper.

### 'Started Beefing'

Lt. William Wilson said Sharif "didn't like the way the defense attorneys are handling the case, and he called his mother and started beefing at her."

Cooper said he has received "many such calls" in the past and, "I don't want to make a big thing of this by signing a complaint."

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## Psychologist Says Sirhan Paranoid

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A psychologist described the killer of Sen. Robert Kennedy today as a paranoid personality — "an individual who says I'm okay; everyone else isn't."

Martin M. Schorr, a clinical psychologist from San Diego, also described Sirhan Sirhan as "sort of like a road runner, unable to relax, constantly pushing."

Sirhan is on trial for first degree murder in the assassination of Kennedy.

Psychological tests conducted Nov. 25 and 26 in Sirhan's 13th floor cell were "kind of a mental X-ray," Schorr testified.

### Told Few Lies

"This man responded by lying in only two responses," Schorr said. "This is actually lower than the average individual would have."

But, he said, testing showed Sirhan "is more paranoid than 95 people or more out of a population of 100 — an individual who says 'I'm okay everyone else isn't.'"

He also said Sirhan showed an abnormal score in tests

for hypomania. He described a hypomaniac as "an individual apt to be very aggressive . . . in a state of flux . . . constant turmoil . . . sort of like a roadrunner . . ."

### Nervous Witness

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."

Schorr said Sirhan refused to answer certain questions about whether there was something wrong with his mind, whether he was losing his mind, or whether someone had control over his mind.

"He was most anxious to convince me," Schorr said, "how normal and sane he is." Schorr said this was a typical paranoid reaction.

### Good on Verbal Tests

Schorr said that Sirhan functioned better than 75 out of 100 people on the street in verbal tests but worse than 90 out of 100 on performance solving tests.

He said, "there is a tremendously wide scatter . . . with an individual who at one point can function better than 75 people out of 100 and at another time do worse than 90 out of 100."

He said Sirhan told him he wanted to become a member of the diplomatic corps and that his name in Arabic meant "a wolf or lion or some other predatory animal." Schorr said Sirhan told him, "I always felt uncomfortable about this."