

PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS SIRHAN WAS 'KILLING' HIS FATHER WHEN HE SHOT KENNEDY

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LOS ANGELES, March 12—The slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was said today to have been motivated by a fantasy in which the Senator replaced the killer's father as the victim of the shooting.

"By killing Mr. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan kills his father and takes his father's place as the heir to his mother," a report on the defendant's mental state read in part.

"The process of acting out this problem," the document continued, "can only be achieved in a psychotic, insane state of mind."

The report was prepared by Dr. Martin M. Schorr, a psychologist who gave Sirhan a series of tests in his jail cell last November. Only two paragraphs from his lengthy summary on the defendant's mental state were read into the court record today.

In his testimony, Dr. Schorr, who has been on the witness stand for three days, has been

reiterating that the battery of tests showed that Sirhan is a paranoid personality with tendencies toward schizophrenia and hypomania.

Mental Capacity an Issue

Dr. Schorr, a defense witness, has contended that the defendant did not have the mental capacity to plan the murder of the Senator.

Yesterday afternoon, and again today, the prosecution spent most of the time trying to discredit Dr. Schorr's methods of scoring the tests. The attempt did not appear to be succeeding, largely because of the witness's technical knowledge.

In discussing his report, Dr. Schorr was allowed to read only a short excerpt. The entire report may be introduced later as evidence.

"Essentially, the more he [Sirhan] railed and stormed, the more the mother protected Sirhan from his father and the more he withdrew into her protection," the psychologist's summary said. It then continued:

"He hated his father and

feared him. He would never consciously entertain the idea of doing away with him. But somewhere along the line, the protecting mother fails her son.

"The mother finally lets down the son. She, whom he loved, never kept her pledge, and now his pain had to be repaid with pain. Since the unconscious always demands maximum penalties, the pain has to be death."

The 'Prime Problem'

"Sirhan's prime problem becomes a conflict between instinctual demands for his father's death and the realization that killing his father is not socially acceptable.

"The only real solution is to look for a compromise. He does. He finds a symbolic replica of his father in the form of Kennedy, kills him and also reverses the relationship that stands between him and his most precious possession—his mother's love."

Newsmen were prevented from seeing the rest of the report because it is not yet in evidence, and it was only with reluctance that a freelance writer, Robert B. Kaiser, read them the paragraphs that had been placed into the court record.

Mr. Kaiser, former representative of Time and Life magazine in Rome and at Los Angeles, reached agreement with the defense that in exchange for his services as an investigator he could have sole access to all the materials, tapes and other evidence held by Sirhan's lawyers.

Mr. Kaiser contemplates writing a book.

A source close to the defense said that Mr. Kaiser also had a financial agreement with the defense attorneys under which they would receive a percentage of the proceeds from sale of his manuscript. The attorneys are not receiving other compensation for their work.

Recently, Mr. Kaiser has attempted several times, occasionally successfully, to keep newsmen from interviewing witnesses or members of the Sirhan family.

In his testimony under cross-

examination this morning, Dr. Schorr said that Sirhan, in his opinion, had a "legitimate partial amnesia" at times of stress that allowed him to forget important things while remembering trifling details.

Thus, the psychologist said, Sirhan could remember standing by a shiny urn drinking coffee with a pretty girl but could not recall shooting Senator Kennedy in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel last June 5.

This afternoon, while defending his scoring of the Rorschach ink-blot test that he had given Sirhan, Dr. Schorr told John Howard, an Assistant District Attorney, that "I'm sorry to go into this with you, but you're speaking one language and I'm speaking another."

"I can't score it any other way," the psychologist told Mr. Howard. "This is the way that Rorschach set it up."