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LOS ANGELES AP - A defense psychiatrist admitted under cross-examination Tuesday that he took much of his description of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's mental condition from another man's book on murders. But the witness said he developed the diagnosis himself.

"I have no intention to claim it was my own language," Dr. Martin Schorr testified at the 24-year-old Jordanian Arab's trial for his life, in the June 5, 1968 shooting of Sen Robert F. Kennedy.

Ending a week of cross-examination, Schorr said he borrowed language without attribution from "A Casebook of a Crime Psychiatrist," by Dr. James A. Brussel of New York.

"It was kind of exciting writing," Schorr said. "I abstracted only what was pertinent to the Sirhan case."

"How much of your report came from Sirhan?" Deputy Dist. Atty. John Howard asked.

"All this is Sirhan," Schorr replied. "All this is Sirhan."

Schorr, a short, dark-haired clinical psychologist from San Diego, said he was not aware of the facts on which Dr. Brussel's casebook of crime was based.

"You just wanted the language?" he was asked.

"Yes, that's right. . . ." Schorr said. "I used language that was meaningful to the case."

Schorr examined Sirhan last November and in his final report Dec. 18 labeled the defendant a paranoid-convinced he was right and everyone else was wrong.

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A second psychologist, Dr. Roderick Richardson of Los Angeles, said he examined Sirhan last July 20 and found him to be experiencing "a schizophrenic process of a paranoid type, acute and chronic."

Richardson said Sirhan shot Kennedy while experiencing "a very severe mental and emotional disturbance."

"In this state," he said, "he could not know the difference between right and wrong."

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In its attempt to discredit Schorr as a defense witness, the state gave the jury copies of passages from Brussel's book. Then the eight men and four women on the panel heard strikingly similar passages from Schorr's report.

One such comparison dealt with a defendant who hated and feared his father and sought the protection of an oversolicitous mother. When the mother failed the son, the son killed. In Sirhan's case, Kennedy was said to have represented a "symbolic replica" of the defendant's father.

"Where had Mrs. Sirhan failed the boy?" Howard asked.

"This boy requires constant protectiveness," Schorr replied.

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"This is the trial of a persecutor, a persecuted and a rescuer. The mother protected him conscientiously as she could—and still does."

Schorr said the moment of the mother's failure came a few weeks before the assassination when Sirhan heard Kennedy on television and interpreted the New York senator's attitude as pro-Israeli and anti-Arab. Kennedy was campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination at the time.

"Sirhan allegedly exploded into rage," Schorr continued, "and this time his mother didn't protect him. She tried to calm him down and pacify him, but this time she didn't succeed." After the shooting, Schorr said Sirhan was able to say to himself: "I'm no longer a coward like my father."

Schorr referred to tape recordings of an hours-long interrogation of Sirhan after his arrest and said: "I thought he was in a dissociative state. I mean in this case there was a striking lack of conscious awareness of why he was being detained. . . he's quite euphoric through it all consistent with a paranoid personality."

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Richardson, 42, with dark, wavy hair and a matinee idol profile, added regarding Sirhan: "In his view which is a psychologically pathological one and best described by the diagnostic word 'paranoid,' he feels morally justified in fighting back, retaliating against his 'enemies' shrewdly, cunningly and aggressively, and according to the principle that all is fair in war."

Sirhan was a tense, restless and frowning member of Richardson's courtroom audience. The defendant is known to resent any implications that he is mentally abnormal.

The trial resumes Wednesday with Richardson still on the stand.

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